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In re Application of	:	OFFICE OF PETITIONS
McKee et al.	:	
Application No. 10/691,885	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: October 23, 2003	:	
Attorney Docket No. MFCP.109834	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed October 13, 2010, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (Notice), mailed July 22, 2010, which set a two (2) month statutory period for reply. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 6, 2010.

Petitioner asserts that the Office action dated July 22, 2010 was not received.

A review of the written record indicates no irregularity in the mailing of the Office action, and, in the absence of any irregularity, there is a strong presumption that the Office action was properly mailed to the practitioner at the address of record. This presumption may be overcome by a showing that the Office action was not in fact received. In this regard, the showing required to establish the failure to receive the Office action must consist of the following:

- (1) A statement from the practitioner describing the system used for recording an Office action received at the correspondence address of record with the USPTO. The statement should establish that the docketing system is sufficiently reliable.
- (2) A statement from the practitioner that the Office action was not received at the correspondence address of record, and that a search of the practitioner's record(s), including any file jacket or the equivalent, and the application contents, indicates that the Office action was not received.
- (3) A copy of the record(s) used by the practitioner where the non-received Office action would have been entered had it been received is required. A copy of the practitioner's record(s) required to show non-receipt of the Office action should include the master docket for the firm.

See MPEP § 711.03(c) under subheading "Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive Office Action," and "Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment When Office Actions Are Not Received," 1156 Official Gazette 53 (November 16, 1993).

The instant petition does not comply with items (1) and (3) above.

As to item (1), petitioner did not include a statement on how the docket system in place is used or the reliability of said system.

As to item (3), although petitioner did include a copy of the docket record for the specific application, the master docket was not included.

A copy of the Notice is enclosed for petitioner's convenience.

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Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3206.



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Enclosure: Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (previously mailed July 22, 2010)



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Application No. : 10691885
Applicant : McKee
Filing Date : 10/23/2003
Date Mailed : 07/22/2010

NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Notice of Allowance Mailed

This application has been accorded an Allowance Date and is being prepared for issuance. The application, however, is incomplete for the reasons below.

Applicant is given 2 month(s) from the mail date of this Notice within which to respond.

The informalities requiring correction are indicated in the attachment(s). If the informality pertains to the abstract, specification (including claims) or drawings, the informality must be corrected with an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 (or, if the application is a reissue application, 37 CFR 1.173). Such an amendment may be filed after payment of the issue fee if limited to correction of informalities noted herein. See Waiver of 37 CFR 1.312 for Documents Required by the Office of Patent Publication, 1280 Off. Gaz. Patent Office 918 (March 23, 2004). In addition, if the informality is not corrected until after payment of the issue fee, for purposes of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(iv), "all outstanding requirements" will be considered to have been satisfied when the informality has been corrected. A failure to respond within the above-identified time period will result in the application being ABANDONED. **This period for reply is NOT extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

See attachment(s).

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IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICATION DEFICIENCIES

- ☐ Applicant must provide legible text for the following item(s).
- ☐ Specification filed , page(s) .
 - ☐ Claims filed , claim(s) .
 - ☐ Oath/declaration filed .
 - ☐ Other: .
- ☒ Applicant must provide missing information on the following page(s) of the specification by amending the specification to add the missing text. No new matter may be added.
pages 1 and 2 (para. 0001), page 3, line 13, page 16, line 21, page 21, line 3 (please provide missing serial numbers).
- ☐ Applicant must provide an Abstract of the Disclosure.
- ☐ Applicant has submitted a DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR A UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76) (e.g., form PTO/SB/01A). The Application Data Sheet, however, is not present with the filed application. Applicant must submit an Application Data Sheet or file a new oath or declaration (e.g., PTO/SB/01) executed by the inventors and containing the information required in 37 CFR 1.63.
- ☐ Applicant must provide an executed declaration.
- ☐ Applicant must provide a declaration signed by inventor(s) .
- ☐ The oath or declaration is defective. A new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date may be required. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02. The oath or declaration is defective because:
- ☐ It does not identify the city and either state or foreign country of residence of each inventor. The residence information may be provided on either an application data sheet or a supplemental oath or declaration.
 - ☐ The oath or declaration for the patent application was filed prior to December 1, 1997, and applicant has not given a post office address anywhere in the application papers as required by 37 CFR 1.33(a), which was in effect at the time of filing of the oath or declaration. A statement over applicant's signature providing a complete post office address is required.
 - ☐ It does not identify the mailing address of each inventor. A mailing address is an address at which an inventor customarily receives his or her mail and may be either a home or business address. The mailing address should include the ZIP Code designation. The mailing address may be provided in an application data sheet or a supplemental oath or declaration. See 37 CFR 1.63(c) and 37 CFR 1.76.
- ☐ Per 37 CFR § 1.63(a)(2), applicant must provide at least one given name without abbreviation for inventor(s) .

IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFICATION/DRAWING INCONSISTENCIES

- ☐ On Page of the specification there is a brief description of FIG. , but the drawings filed do not include a drawing with that designation. Applicant must respond either by supplying the omitted drawing or by amending the specification to remove all references to that drawing.
- ☒ The drawings filed 10/23/2003 include FIG. 12, but the specification's brief description of the drawings does not describe a drawing with that designation. Applicant must respond either by amending the specification to add a brief description of that drawing or by correcting the drawings to remove the drawing in question.
- ☐ Drawings are present in the application and are referred to in the detailed description of the invention, but the specification does not contain a brief description of the drawings as required by 37 CFR 1.74 and 37 CFR 1.77(b)(8).
- ☐ Page of the specification refers to FIG. , but no drawing with that designation is described in the brief description of the drawings and no drawing with that designation is present in the application. Applicant must respond either by amending the specification to remove all references to that drawing, or by supplying that drawing and amending the specification to add a brief description of it.
- ☐ OTHER:
- ☐ COMMENTS: